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Kerrey M.I.A.; New School S.O.L.

GREENWICH VILLAGE, NEW YORK— On Friday, May 1, embattled New School President Bob Kerrey and Executive Vice President James Murtha were forcibly removed from office by a group of masked students. The hog-tied Kerrey was last seen being carried west on 11th Street toward the piers. Murtha has allegedly been sealed in a cardboard box and standard mailed to Somalia, where he is expected to arrive next Thursday, according to a USPS tracking number.

In the months leading up to the abduction, Kerrey's leadership had come into question. According to a flier circulated by a group calling themselves People for Capitalist Punishment, this recent direct action was planned in response to the April 10 arrests and abuses of 22 protesters during an occupation of a New School building. Despite repeated pokes sent to members on Facebook, no representatives from PCP could be reached by press time.

A spokesperson for the New School said that the NYPD is "doing everything possible to return Mr. Kerrey safe and sound." Officials have drafted a formal letter to the leader of the Somali pirates to "send Mr. Murtha back our way at the first possible convenience."

Hours after the abduction, Interim Provost Tim Marshall appointed himself acting president, as well as "Duke of New York, A-Number One." An emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees was immediately called by Marshall, during which 26 of the 60 members of the Board stepped down, describing Kerrey's kidnapping as "unacceptable," "reprehensible," and "so totally uncool."

With this significant loss of contributing investors, the school faces a potentially debilitating financial crisis.

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"In this current economic downturn, it is unlikely that we will find investors to support the university," said one concerned trustee, "especially if the students keep mailing people to distant pirate-ridden lands."

Officials said there would likely be no way to sustain The New School for Social Research or Milano. And, according to a senior administrator, the Board has already accepted an offer from NYU to buy Parsons.

"We cannot afford to renew contracts for 72 percent of the university's adjunct faculty members," he said. "We will be offering only half the courses, and discontinuing many of our majors."

Most classes will be facilitated by teaching assistants and their sizes increased three-fold. Tuition is expected to rise to roughly \$78,000 a year. With almost no possibility of financial aid due to the recession, the school will be unaffordable except to the wealthiest of applicants.

Several students admitted they could not afford to attend the school the following semester, and would be transferring elsewhere. Students had mixed reactions over the events that followed the abduction.

"I just want to graduate already," said Elisabeth Garber-Paul, a Lang senior and writing concentrator.

Robb Maynard, a tomfoolery concentrator at Lang, said, "Did we remember to poke air holes in Murtha's box?" He added, "Uh-oh."

Others, however, seemed optimistic about the school's future.

"We have achieved our goal," said one NSSR student. "We have re-established the academic integrity of the school. We have de-commodified our education and emancipated our knowing. Students will be teaching students. This school is ours."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

I'm getting pretty sick of this Occupation business. There are a few things those involved need to realize:

1) You're giving the rest of the student body a bad reputation, making us all look like whiny, spoiled brats with nothing better to do.

2) You made the decision to attend a private institution, well aware that there are a number of advantages and disadvantages to the school. Yes, Bob Kerrey is and has been the President. Yes, the campus is lacking certain facilities. We are customers of the college, and just like any company, if you don't like the service, take your business elsewhere.

3) College is a privilege, not a right. How many people would give their left arm to attend an expensive, private, respected college, in one of the most desirable cities in the world?

4) A considerable percentage of those participating aren't even New School students. Sure, it's great to bring in outsiders when working towards common goals, but we all know you're just inviting your friends along and pretending to be revolutionaries.

5) How much are you costing the school and the city with your antics? How many tax dollars were wasted when police had to deal with your silly break-in?

6) Some of you got arrested: Breaking into buildings and destroying private property are

crimes, who woulda thunk?

7) The NYPD used pepper spray on a couple of students? In my opinion, they deserved it. Sometimes there's need for non-lethal measures in a standoff. How long were they supposed to let you stay in there?

8) Most of you probably aren't even New York City or even state residents, meaning you (or your family) don't contribute to tax dollars that get spent on policing your "occupation." Is it fair for the residents of this city to pay for your self-righteous escapades?

9) Is there any consensus on your actual goals? Every time I hear about them, there's a new demand added to the list, many of which are vague and outlandish.

10) There are several thousand full-time students enrolled at The New School. Your efforts and actions do not speak for all of us, so please stop suggesting so.

If you have serious issues with the school, leave; get a full time job, see what life is like when you don't have a someone paying your way. As someone who is financing his own education, I don't appreciate these childish disruptions.

Cheers,
Tom Frascione
New School General Studies Student

CORRECTIONS: Issue 12

In Issue 12 of the *Free Press*, the following names were misspelled:

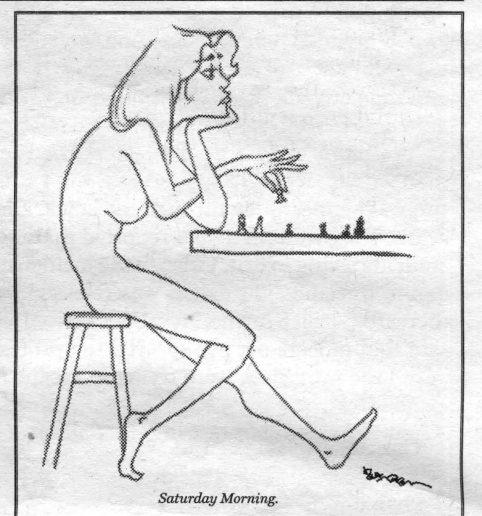
Garret Hurley (Page 3)
Corey Mullee (Page 4),
Ashley Wanamaker (Page 5), and Nadia Chaudhury (Page 6). In that same issue, Margaux Haldimann should have been credited with taking the photo to accompany her article "On Running an Art Gallery"; the director of *Explicit Ills* is Mark Webber, not Jim Jarmusch.

In the article about an SRIC in Issue 12, the *Free Press* wrote that the student concern with the university's endowment had connections to Hampshire College and their involvement with Israel-Palstine-related activism this past February. The original wording of the paragraph was changed in the editing process which made the statement untrue. The RSU has actually been fighting for an SRIC for over a year.

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NSFP CROSSWORD

By Kate Hanselman

ACROSS

1. Jetson's dog
6. L33T eat
9. ___ reflex
12. Pure; sexless
13. Angelika Film Center loc.
15. Sword handle shape
16. Egg hunt holiday
17. Submarine color
19. Type of punch
20. Relatives
21. Slow, dim-witted person
24. Bestows upon in exchange for money
27. Owns
30. Yeah's opposite
31. ___ Horrorfest
32. Typeface
33. Devil's guitarist in *Crossroads*
34. ___ business

DOWN

39. SETI cousin
40. Wordless flirter
42. Proteinase gene
43. On first impression
45. Cockney response to "Why?"
46. Speedy palindrome
47. ___, amas, amat
49. Time to put clocks forward, abbr.
50. Ingest
51. Mommy pigs

9. Mein ___!
10. Freshly
11. Greek sandwich
14. Finnish business sch.
18. Blitz representing travel agency
22. ___ Place
23. Inconvenient or improper
25. Fa so ___ ti do
26. Leftovers
27. Bovine freakout
28. Largest oil corp. in the world
29. Chair lift rider
35. Flatbreads
36. Put into practice
37. Spyware abbr.
38. Italian fern
41. On the open ___
44. Japanese airport code
48. Usual habits, abbr.

